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**Webinar Title:** *Strategies for Small POTWs Handling High Strength Influent* (Pretreatment / non-domestic sewage, establishing local limits, examples regarding dairies and breweries)

**Date:** October 20, 2020 (1-2:30 Eastern)

**Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1781061907578748429>

**Cost:** FREE

**Audience:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Owners and Operators, Municipal leaders (Mayors, Council Members, Directors of Public Works, etc). While all plant owners and operators may find this useful, it is geared more toward smaller systems with flow of less than 1 million gallons per day. Others who will find this informative include: Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) technical assistance providers, permit writers and compliance staff from states, tribes and US EPA.

**Presenters:** Al Garcia, Pretreatment Coordinator, US EPA Region 8 (Denver, CO); Jay Pimpare, Pretreatment Coordinator, US EPA Region 1 (Boston, MA)

**Description:** This webinar, which is a continuation of the June 17 webinar titled *When Small POTWs Should Establish a Pretreatment Program*, will cover noncompliance problems caused by pass-through or interference from industrial users that small POTWs may encounter and what they can do to protect their plants and personnel. In particular, the webinar will provide a brief overview of high strength organic waste and explain strategies wastewater treatment plants handling such waste can take, including establishing technically defensible local limits and updating sewer use ordinances, to avoid system upsets that can lead to noncompliance. The presenters will walk you through case studies on how small wastewater systems were able to overcome challenges stemming from dairy and brewery dischargers all in the context of the development of local limitations based on these industrial sectors.

**Accommodations:** Live captioning for the hearing impaired will be available, if requested one week prior.

**References:** To get the most benefit from the Webinar, which will be fast-paced and covering a lot of topics, attendees are encouraged to review these background materials.

### **[Pretreatment 101 In-person Training and Recorded Webinars](#)**

#### **[Introduction to the National Pretreatment Program](#)** (Booklet)

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